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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action, mailed June 13, 2005, be extended for three months up to and including December 13, 2005.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being submitted concurrently herewith.

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A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$1,360.00 (\$790.00 for the filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and \$570.00 (the difference between the two months extension fee previously filed on November 10, 2005, and the three month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3)), to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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